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Statement from Rep. Brostoff on Announcement of Extraordinary Session on Right to Exploit

MADISON – Representative Jonathan Brostoff (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement today reacting to the announced extraordinary session.

“This is yet another republican attack on Wisconsin workers” said Brostoff, “I will not call it by the name Republicans do because it would feed into the fallacy. This is about having the right to exploit those who work. Having the right to reduce wages, skimp on safety policies, and toy with the hours and benefits our hard working community members count on.”

Legislation such as what Vos and Fitzgerald are introducing has been shown in other states to reduce wages and safety for all industries regardless of if it is a union affiliated industry. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, states who enact this and similar legislation see a 3.2% reduction in earnings and an increase of higher than 51% in workplace fatalities. In Wisconsin, significant resources are spent by unions to ensure higher than OSHA job safety procedures.

“They know this is unethical. Fitzgerald even said that this is being fast tracked to prevent any organized response by members of the public,” Brostoff said. “If you have to hide behind shady practices to be able to pass something you have no business doing it. It is our job to represent the citizens of Wisconsin, not the Koch Brothers.”

Federal law already protects workers from having to join a union. The soon-to-be-proposed legislation defunds and discourages unions, and makes it easier for employers exploit their employees and to discriminate against pro-union workers.

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